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AGENCY FOR ICS/CA, IAA, DR. LETITIA BROWN (BCICA), IPT

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1. SHAW/AGIRI HAD PRODUCTIVE MEETINGS WITH HOTEL IVOIRE OFFICIALS WHO PROVIDED, IN ADDITION EARLIER COMMITMENTS, FREE CONFERENCE ROOM, THREE COMPLIMENTARY ROOMS, FROM AIRPORT-HOTEL-AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION FOR ARASC PARTICIPANTS.
2. ABIDJAN FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK DIRECTOR WILLING ASSIST WITH FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND FORESEES NO RPT NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS AFTER FUNDS RECEIVED FROM NIGERIA.
3. DAILLY EAGER SUPPORT CONFERENCE, OFFERED SERVICES TEN STUDENTS GUIDES.
4. AGIRI RETURNED LAGOS PRIOR ACAO SHAW TO ATTEND CONFERENCE OUTSIDE LAGOS. REGRET WE UNABLE REPORT ON VC'S LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE REACTION AGIRI'S REPORT AS ALL KEY INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY OUT OF TOWN.

EXPECT AGIRI RETURN LAGOS THIS WEEKEND AND WILL ADVISE AGENCY ASAP.
HOWEVER, SHAW-AGIRI CONCLUSIONS RELATIVELY UNCHANGED FROM THOSE
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DISCUSSED WITH CLIFTON-BROWN. UPON AJAYI-LPC'S APPROVAL ABIDJAN

SITE, PROPOSE CONTACT OTHER RPC MEMBERS VIA TELEGRAM FOR CONCURRENCE,

THEN ADVISE ALL PARTICIPANTS. LAGOS PANAM CURRENTLY CALCULATING MOST APPROPRIATE TRAVEL PLANS WHICH RELATE TO STARTING/CLOSING DATES. BUT WOULD APPEAR ARASC LIKELY BEGIN SUN EVE JULY 25, CONCLUDE WED. JULY 28.

5. ABIDJAN USIS SUPPORT RELATIVELY UNCHANGED FROM CLIFTON/BROWN DISCUSSION, AS THEY UNABLE PROVIDE VEHICLE, SECRETARY DUE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. ABIDJAN USIS ADMIN ASSIST. ATTEMPTING DETERMINE IF ARASC CAN BORROW USG TYPEWRITERS. ABIDJAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL OFFICER INFORMED SHAW WILL ATTEMPT LOCATE PART TIME TYPIST/SECRETARY BUT CAUTIONED THAT DUE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SUCH INDIVIDUALS DIFFICULT OBTAIN. USIS ABIDJAN VEHICLE MAY BE ABLE STOP AT HOTEL IVOIRE (MORNING AND AFTERNOON) TO PICKUP/DELIVER TELEGRAMS. FOLLOWING FIRM DECISION BY AJAYI AND RPC FOR ABIDJAN, WILL ATTEMPT DEFINE WHAT ADDITIONAL ITEMS ABIDJAN MIGHT BE REQUESTED PROVIDE; THOUGH SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT SPELL OUT ALL ITEMS THIS EARLY DATE.

6. HAVE LOCATED MICROBOOK READER, PLAN FORWARD ABIDJAN THIS EQUIPMENT AND AMERICAN STUDIES BOOKS EXHIBIT VIA OFFICIAL CHANNELS PRIOR ARASC. LIKELY NEED UTILIZE ART SUPPLIES, ABIDJAN BOOK DISPLAY RACKS.

7. TO FACILITATE SHAW'S PERSONAL/FAMILY (HOUSE SHOPPING) PLANS WITH ARASC (SINCE SHAW UNABLE DISCUSS WITH PERSONNEL OFFICER COOK DURING HER LAGOS VISIT), WOULD APPRECIATE FIRM REPLY ASAP FROM PERSONNEL OR CAREER COUNSELOR SCHUTZ RE: SHAW'S REQUEST PACK UP IN MAY, DEPART APPROX JUNE 8 AND RETURN ABIDJAN ON TDY (FUNDED BY ICS/CA AS PER CLIFTON SUGGESTION) PRIOR ARASC FOR FINAL ARRANGEMENTS, WRAP UP.

8. WILL FORWARD COPIES LETTERS FROM HOTEL IVOIRE WHEN AGIRI RETURNS LAGOS.

9. FOR IAA/DAWSON FROM HEDGES: WE ARE CONFOUNDED BY LACK OF BOTH INTEREST AND COOPERATION SHOWN BY USIS ABIDJAN ON ARASC. WOULD BE USEFUL IF POST CAN BE ENLIGHTENED REGARDING HIGH PRIORITY ASSIGNED PROJECT BY USIA AND CU AS WELL AS NECESSITY PROVIDE ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR IT.

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